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NORMAN CITIZENS CORPS TO HOLD COMMUNITY TRAINING

The City of Norman Office of Emergency Management through the Norman Citizens CORPS will conduct free training for Citizens of Norman, Oklahoma. The Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program trains people to be better prepared to react to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that may improve the safety of the community.

The CERT course is a 20 hour program taught in the community by a trained team of first responders who have completed a CERT Train-the-Trainer course. CERT includes disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue operations. Completing the course allows citizens to take new skills to their neighborhoods and increase their ability to be "Ready" during a disaster. This course also qualifies citizens interested in volunteering for emergency operations to apply for the Norman Emergency Response Volunteer program; this training will enhance their volunteer experience. To be an effective volunteer during disasters, citizens should affiliate with a local group of their choice.

The CERT training will be held at the Norman Fire Training Center, 2207 Goddard Avenue, Norman, OK 73069 on June 12-14, 2014 and June 26-28, 2014. Two more classes are planned, but dates are not yet determined. Refresher training for those that have already completed the course is scheduled for July 12, 2014 and August 9, 2014.

For further information or to register for the program, please contact David Grizzle, City of Norman Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, at (405) 292-9780 or David.Grizzle@NormanOK.gov.

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